

REMARKS

Claims 1, 16, and 17 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention. Claims 1-9, 11-13, and 15-17 are pending.

Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-17 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tajalli in view of Connor and further in view of Brown.

The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claims 1, 16, and 17, none of the references describes parsing a prefetch file to learn the permitted behavior of a process upon initialization, specifically the resources that the process accesses during normal operation upon initialization, and using that information to detect that an unauthorized behavior has occurred, i.e., that the process has accessed or attempted to access a resource not in its prefetch file. The newly cited reference, Brown, describes parsing web pages, see [0053], but that has nothing to do with parsing a prefetch file as recited in claims 1, 16, and 17. Because none of the references describes parsing a prefetch file, much less doing so to determine permitted behaviors of an associated process, a prima facie case of obviousness is not stated in the office action. In addition, the claims have been amended to recite monitoring the prefetch file to detect changes thereto and re-learning the authorized behavior of the process if a change to the prefetch file is detected, as may occur for example after a software update. None of the references describes such monitoring of the prefetch file for changes, and the claims are believed to be allowable for this additional and independently sufficient reason.

The remaining claims depend from claim 1 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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